

LIGHT ON ISRAELI POLICY

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SINCE the rulers of Israel transferred our country from dependence on Britain to dependence upon the United States we have suffered more than a few disappointments. Instead of paving a way for ourselves based on our true national interests, by planning a balanced economy (which would, amongst other things, allow for absorbing immigration), we have been held by the ruling circles in the orbit of the United States. In foreign policy, we have endangered our national security by subservience to the aggressive imperialist aims of the United States in the Middle East.

The main danger to our security, the main political and economic difficulties and the baffling 'paradoxes' in Israeli policy stem from Israel's dependence upon U.S.A. People who know that Israel is in the Middle East, in a region of tens of millions

of Arabs, are astonished and upset by the national policy of oppression against the Arab population. People who know that only a few years ago Israel had the sympathy of the U.S.S.R. and other progressive forces in the world, do not understand its slanders against the Soviet Union and its opposition to the independence struggles of the oppressed peoples in Asia and North Africa, let alone the peoples of the Middle East. The rulers of our country try to lull the people with the tale of the 'rescuing' Dollar. But as the contradiction between the needs and the security of Israel and the aggressive imperialist policy of the United States and Britain becomes more and more obvious, as the 'danger' of popular disillusionment is appearing, all the heavy armour of lies and deceit is thrown into action, with the banner of the American dollar leading the march.

Israeli policy has entered a blind, a very blind alley. The stamp of 'Made in U.S.A.' on its policy is now more recognisable than ever before. Ben-Gurion and Sharett are prepared to follow Pakistan and Iraq into the 'Northern tier' alliance while aiming also at a separate military pact between Israel and the United States.

A military pact means full-scale handing over of Israel to the mercy of the American imperialists, the transformation of Israel into an American military base, and thus into a vulnerable military objective. It means American control over the Israeli Army, forcing it to take part in wars initiated by the United States military chiefs, stationing of foreign military forces on our soil and endangering our national sovereignty. A military pact with the U.S.A. means the integration of Israel in the system of war forces wherein the central position is allocated to the pupils and heirs of Hitler in Western Germany.

The starting point for all Israeli policy is this striving for a military pact with the United States—or any other form of inclusion in an aggressive anti-Soviet bloc. From this comes its economic difficulties and its entirely unnecessary isolation. On the one hand there is the mighty world camp of peace and socialism, as well as a large number of countries—capitalist, former colonial and semi-colonial—which have turned to the path of neutrality, and who oppose the Israeli policy of assisting the aggressive plans of Washington. On the other hand, Israel receives only contempt and neglect from the very same Washington—an attitude characteristic of every imperialist régime towards its satellites. Recently Ben-

Gurion himself was forced to express his 'fear' of the United States supporting the Eden plan for cutting the Negev off from Israel (interview with a *New York Times* correspondent, November 27, 1955) but he did not dare to disclose that the Dulles plan closely resembles the Eden plan. The anti-Soviet and anti-Communist campaign waged by the rulers of Israel and by their Zionist spokesmen abroad diverts attention from their direct responsibility for the grave situation of Israel and is an attempt to revive the Cold War.

Nowadays, the basic test for any government is the approach to the problem of peace and war. People all over the world wish to preserve peace, to prevent war. The ever-growing influence of the policy of the Soviet Union is because it is consistently directed towards ensuring peace and the independence of the peoples: a policy as vitally important to Israel as to any other country.

Each step of the Soviet Union and other countries in the camp of peace and socialism is directed towards the cause of peace. Whilst the aggressive British and American policy in our region sows mistrust and disunity amongst the nations, Soviet policy supports the people's struggle for peace and national independence and encourages them in their opposition to colonial subjection and to the conclusion of aggressive pacts. In contrast, Ben-Gurion's attack in the Knesset during the tour of India, Burma and Afghanistan by Khrushchov and Bulganin, on both Britain *and* the Soviet Union, attributing to them a policy 'apt to bring about the destruction of Israel', can only mislead the people as to the real facts of the situation.

What is the truth? The truth is that a new and encouraging situation has been created in the Middle East, through the opposition of Egypt and Syria to the aggressive Baghdad pact. They are entering into friendly relations with the Soviet Union, People's China and the other socialist countries, and are resisting political, economic and military pressure on the part of the American and British imperialists—an important contribution towards the cause of world peace, a precious factor also for fostering the cause of peace between Israel and the Arab states. Repeated declarations of the Egyptian Premier and his fellow-statesmen stress that they have no intention of fighting against Israel and that they are ready to make peace with Israel on the basis of the United Nations' decisions on Palestine. Whether or not the Israeli Government agrees to this, or proposes an alternative basis for peace negotia-

tions with Egypt, it has no right to conceal from the people the important change in the policy of Egypt and the other Arab states in respect of Israel. This is the first time Egypt has openly recognised the existence of Israel, and we should by no means underestimate this fact. In a region where for tens of years the imperialists have been stirring up the people against each other on the notorious 'divide and rule' principle, a great deal will depend on the policy of Israel as to whether the day of peace between us and our neighbours is near or far away. Czechoslovakia would not have agreed to supply even so small a quantity of arms unless she were certain that this would help to strengthen Egyptian neutrality and desire for peace. These armaments contain defence weapons and not arms for aggression; they are designed to help Egypt to withstand the military pressure on the part of the imperialists, who are trying—so far unsuccessfully—to force Egypt to join the Baghdad anti-Soviet pact. Czechoslovakia, as well as any other socialist state, has not taken, nor will it take, any step contrary to their consistent policy of peace.

One of the surest guarantees for the Czech weapons in the possession of Egypt not being used against Israel would be the abstention on the part of the Israeli Government of military operations across the borders; the discontinuing of the propaganda and preparation for a preventive war; the refusal of the Government of Israel to serve as an instrument of Dulles and Eden for exerting pressure on Egypt to come into their anti-Soviet plans. Neither Soviet policy nor the Czech weapons, but Israel's subservience to the foreign, hostile interests of the U.S. rulers in the international arena and in the Middle East carries with it the real danger for Israel. The strongest hopes and the true interests of our people and country, lie with the Soviet Union and the entire mighty camp of the socialist countries, acting in unity, for peace all over the world, for the defence of the independence of the peoples and their bright future.

The servants of Dulles in the Israeli Government imagine that by fostering an anti-Soviet and anti-Communist hysteria, they will succeed in concealing from the people all that is going on in the world and around us in the Middle East. These rulers may harden their ears against the truth, but the fact is that the common man in Israel is more and more loudly asking a number of questions, namely: (a) Why do the chiefs of Israel and the founders of the Nazi Wehrmacht of Western Germany meet together? (b) if her

Arab neighbours follow the path of neutrality like India and Burma, is this not in the interest of Israel? (c) how could Ben-Gurion not notice the first session of the aggressive Baghdad pact under the baton of the enemies of peace, from London and Washington (which is generally considered to be not only an anti-Soviet but also an anti-Israel pact too)? Is not this silence about the matter which is endangering the safety of the entire zone as well as that of Israel very similar to the silence on the part of the Israel Government about the rushing of Western heavy arms to Iraq and other countries in this part of the world? And do not both these facts result from the political conception of Israel's rulers that all that is being done by Washington and London against the Soviet Union (even if this threatens the safety of Israel) is proper and 'kosher' in the eyes of these 'patriots'?

These and similar questions which unmask the pro-imperialist policy of the Israeli Government stimulate a series of demands. These demands are: to stop shutting our eyes to the political reality of the world and the Middle East; to cease our dependence on the imperialist policy of the United States; to put an end to forming the policy of Israel in Washington; no longer to run after a military pact with U.S.A.; to abandon the mad idea of a preventive war against Egypt and other neighbouring states, which could only serve the interests of the British and American imperialists; to develop initiative towards negotiation with Arab countries, without imperialist mediation, with no preliminary conditions, for solving the outstanding questions (such as the question of the Arab refugees) by amicable and mutual agreement; to enter upon the road to peace and national independence.

In contrast to the ruling circles who bow down before the American Dollar that enslaves and pauperises, our Communist Party sets before our people the goal of Peace, of Israel's independence and safety, of Jewish-Arab friendship, of the defence of the interests of the working people. Our policy is based on the sound and solid foundation of Israeli patriotism and proletarian internationalism. We struggle for unity of action of the labouring masses and a wide patriotic anti-imperialist front directed towards a fundamental change of the policy of Israel, towards a policy of peace and independence from imperialism, of lasting friendship with the Soviet Union and all peoples striving for peace and freedom. This is the best guarantee for the safety of Israel, for the independence of our country and its economic development, for the freedom of our people and its happy future.